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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
SAN ANTONIO DIVISION**

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WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
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**Case No: SA:24-CR-00546-OLG**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**Plaintiff**

**v**

**(1) ARTURO GABRIEL LEIJA-ALVARADO  
aka "TOTO"  
(2) FRANCIS EDWARD HILLIARD  
aka EDDIE HILLIARD  
(3) RICHARD WILLIAM AARON PATTON  
aka AARON PATTON**

**Defendants**

**INDICTMENT**

**COUNT 1:** 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(A), and 846: Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute 500 Grams of More of Methamphetamine

**COUNT 2:** 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(A): Possess with Intent to Distribute 500 Grams of More of Methamphetamine

**COUNTS 3-4:** 18 U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(8): Felon in Possession of a Firearm

**COUNT 5:** 26 U.S.C. § 5861(d): Possession of an Unregistered NFA Firearm

**THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:**

**COUNT ONE**

**[18 U.S.C. §922(g)(1)]**

**[21 U.S.C. §§ 846, 841(a)(1), and 841(b)(1)(A)]**

That from on or about August 1, 2024, until on or about October 18, 2024, in the Western District of Texas and elsewhere, Defendants,

**(1) ARTURO GABRIEL LEIJA-ALVARADO aka "TOTO",  
(2) FRANCIS EDWARD HILLIARD aka EDDIE HILLIARD, and  
(3) RICHARD WILLIAM AARON PATTON aka AARON PATTON,**

did knowingly and intentionally combine, conspire, confederate, and agree with each other, and

with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to possess with the intent to distribute a controlled substance, 500 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, and salts of its isomers, contrary to Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(A), and in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846.

**COUNT TWO**  
**[21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(A)]**

That on or about October 18, 2024, in the Western District of Texas, Defendant

**(1) ARTURO GABRIEL LEIJA-ALVARADO aka “TOTO”**

knowingly, intentionally, and unlawfully possessed with the intent to distribute a controlled substance, which offense involved 500 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, and salts of its isomers, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(A).

**COUNT THREE**  
**[18 U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(8)]**

That on or about October 18, 2024, in the Western District of Texas, Defendant

**(1) ARTURO GABRIEL LEIJA-ALVARADO aka “TOTO”,**

knowing that he had been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, knowingly possessed a firearm that had been shipped and transported in interstate and foreign commerce, to wit: a Springfield Armory XD-9 handgun, bearing serial number GM911750, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(8).

**COUNT FOUR**  
**[18 U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(8)]**

That on or about October 18, 2024, in the Western District of Texas, Defendant

**(2) FRANCIS EDWARD HILLIARD aka EDDIE HILLIARD,**

knowing that he had been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, knowingly possessed a firearm that had been shipped and transported in interstate and foreign commerce, to wit:

- (1) a Pioneer Arms 7.62 x 39 caliber rifle, bearing serial number PAC114971221;
- (2) a Glock 19 9mm handgun, bearing serial number YHK559;
- (3) a Taurus PT908 9mm handgun, bearing serial number TNB50114;
- (4) a Taurus 9mm handgun, bearing serial number TCX49968;
- (5) a Taurus 9mm handgun, bearing serial number TMG02350;
- (6) a Browning Arms 12-gauge shotgun, bearing serial number L13PM04381;
- (7) a Winchester 12-gauge shotgun, bearing serial number L3255305;
- (8) a Winchester 12-gauge shotgun, bearing serial number L3321694;
- (9) a Smith & Wesson Magnum .357 caliber handgun, bearing serial number 71547;
- (10) a Smith & Wesson .38 caliber handgun, bearing serial number 35891;
- (11) a Smith & Wesson .38 caliber handgun, bearing serial number C40296422;
- (12) a Ruger P95 9mm handgun, bearing serial number 31809286;
- (13) a Braztech .45 caliber handgun, bearing serial number 5G0027030X;
- (14) a Cobra .380 caliber handgun, bearing serial number FS109442;
- (15) a Heritage .22 caliber handgun, bearing serial number 3PH325198;
- (16) a Heritage .22 caliber handgun, bearing serial number P76171;
- (17) a Rock Island Armory 1911 handgun, bearing serial number RIA1720866;
- (18) an ATA Arms 12-gauge shotgun, bearing serial number 20D20466;
- (19) an ATA Arms 12-gauge shotgun, bearing serial number SA69144;
- (20) a J.C. Higgins .410 caliber shotgun, having an obliterated serial number;

- (21) a Revelation 12-gauge shotgun, bearing serial number H182133;
- (22) a Rossi 20-gauge shotgun, bearing serial number 5GR051634;
- (23) a Rossi 12-gauge shotgun, bearing serial number 5HN145280;
- (24) a Westernfield 20-gauge shotgun, bearing serial number M550CR;
- (25) a Marlin 1897 rifle, bearing serial number 269244;
- (26) a Marlin .22 caliber rifle, bearing serial number 20292318;
- (27) a Marlin .60 caliber rifle, bearing serial number 08281797;
- (28) a Marlin 30-30 caliber rifle, bearing serial number 00091274;
- (29) a Marlin 45-70 caliber rifle, bearing serial number MR32633G;
- (30) a Ruger .22 caliber rifle, bearing serial number 83294996;
- (31) a Winchester .22 caliber rifle, bearing serial number 02291;
- (32) a Hi-Point Yeet Cannon YC15 rifle with scope, bearing serial number YC150318;
- (33) a Norinco SKS rifle, bearing serial number 1402270; and
- (34) a CGS Mod 9 suppressor, bearing serial number M9F2302;

all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(8).

**COUNT FIVE**  
**[26 U.S.C. § 5861(d)]**

That on or about October 18, 2024, in the Western District of Texas, Defendant

**(2) FRANCIS EDWARD HILLIARD aka EDDIE HILLIARD,**

knowingly possessed at least one firearm, to wit: a CGS Mod 9 suppressor bearing serial number M9F2302, a silencer that was not registered to him in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record, in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Sections 5841, 5861(d), and 5871.

**NOTICE OF UNITED STATES OF AMERICA'S DEMAND FOR FORFEITURE**

**[See Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2]**

**I.**

**Drug Violations and Forfeiture Statutes**

**[Title 21 U.S.C. §§ 846, 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(A), and (b)(1)(B) subject to forfeiture pursuant to Title 21 U.S.C. § 853(a)(1) and (2)]**

As a result of the criminal violations set forth in Counts One and Two, the United States gives notice to the Defendants of its intent to seek the forfeiture of the property described below upon conviction and pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2 and Title 21 U.S.C. § 853(a)(1) and (2), which states:

**Title 21 U.S.C. § 853. Criminal forfeitures**

**(a) Property subject to criminal forfeitures.**

Any person convicted of a violation of this subchapter or subchapter II punishable by imprisonment for more than one year shall forfeit to the United States, irrespective of any provision of State law.--

**(1)** any property constituting, or derived from, any proceeds the person obtained, directly or indirectly, as the result of such violation;

**(2)** any of the person's property used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of, such violation; . . .

**II.**

**Firearm Violations and Forfeiture Statutes**

**[Title 18 U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(8), subject to forfeiture pursuant to Title 18 U.S.C. § 924(d)(1), made applicable to criminal forfeiture by Title 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c)]**

As a result of the criminal violations set forth in Counts Three and Four, the United States gives notice to Defendants (1) ARTURO GABRIEL LEIJA-ALVARADO and (2) FRANCIS EDWARD HILLIARD of its intent to seek the forfeiture of the property described below upon conviction and pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2 and Title 18 U.S.C. § 924(d)(1), made applicable to criminal forfeiture by Title 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), which states:

**Title 18 U.S.C. § 924. Penalties**

**(d)(1)** Any firearm or ammunition involved in or used in any knowing violation of subsection . . . g... of section 922, ...or knowing violation of section 924. . . shall be subject to seizure and forfeiture . . . under the provisions of this chapter. . . .

**III.**

**Unregistered Possession Violation and Forfeiture Statutes**  
**[Title 26 U.S.C. § 5861(d), subject to forfeiture pursuant to Title 26 U.S.C. § 5872(a),  
made applicable to criminal forfeiture by Title 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c)]**

As a result of the criminal violation set forth in Count Five, the United States of America gives notice to Defendant (2) FRANCIS EDWARD HILLIARD of its intent to seek the forfeiture of the property described below upon conviction pursuant to FED. R. CRIM. P. 32.2 and Title 26 U.S.C. § 5872(a), made applicable to criminal forfeiture pursuant to Title 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), which states the following:

**Title 26 U.S.C. § 5872(a). Forfeiture**

**(a) Laws applicable.** —Any firearm involved in any violation of the provisions of this chapter shall be subject to seizure and forfeiture . . .

This Notice of Demand for Forfeiture includes but is not limited to the following:

**IV.**

**(1) ARTURO GABRIEL LEIJA-ALVARADO:**

1. \$21,646.00, More or Less in United States Currency;
1. 60ft Flatbed trailer with add on;
2. Springfield Armory XD-9 handgun, bearing serial number GM911750;
3. Smith & Wesson MP 5.7 caliber, serial number PJJ2739; and
4. Any and all firearms, ammunition, and/or accessories involved in or used in the commission of the criminal offenses.

**(2) FRANCIS EDWARD HILLIARD:**

1. Pioneer Arms 7.62 x 39 caliber rifle, bearing serial number PAC114971221;
2. Glock 19 9mm handgun, bearing serial number YHK559;
3. Taurus PT908 9mm handgun, bearing serial number TNB50114;
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33. Norinco SKS rifle, bearing serial number 1402270;
34. CGS Mod 9 suppressor bearing serial number M9F2302; and
35. Any and all firearms, ammunition, and/or accessories involved in or used in the commission of the criminal offenses.

A TRUE BILL

FOREPERSON OF THE GRAND JURY

JAIME ESPARZA  
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

BY:

  
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